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FOLEY, COMMANDER U.S. SEVENTHFLT

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1. IN PRINCIPLE WE SUPPORT PROPOSED VISIT, AND BELIEVE
IT WILL BE QUITE USEFUL. REGRET, HOWEVER, FOR REASONS
OUTLINED BELOW, THAT SUGGESTED TIMING IN REFTTEL (AUGUST
14-15) WOULD NOT BE PROPITIOUS.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS TAKEN PERSONAL AND PARTICULAR INTEREST
IN SUBJECT ADM FOLEY EXPECTS TO RAISE. THIS UNDERSCORES
IMPORTANCE OF HIS PRESENCE WHEN ADM FOLEY VISITS IRAN.
AMBASSADOR IS CURRENTLY ON HOME LEAVE. HE EXPECTS TO BE IN
WASHINGTON ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST, AND WILL RETURN TO
TEHRAN FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS. NEW DATES FOR VISIT BY
ADM FOLEY CAN BE WORKED OUT AFTER WE KNOW AMBASSADOR'S PRE-
CISE RETURN DATE.

3. ADDITIONAL REASONS FOR CHANGING PROPOSED VISIT OF ADM
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FOLEY TO TEHRAN MID-AUGUST RELATE TO OTHER HIGH LEVEL
VISITORS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR THAT PERIOD. THESE INCLUDE
VISIT BY DCINCEUR, PLANNED FOR AUGUST 11-14, IN CONNECTION
WITH NEXT STEP ON C-3 ACTIVITY. FURTHER, CARMISH/MAAG
EXPECTS TO GO ON TDY TO U.S. AT CLOSE OF DCINCEUR VISIT TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE, INTER ALIA, OF AMBASSADOR'S WASHINGTON CON-
SULTATIONS.

4. A RELATED, ALBEIT PERHPAS SOMEWHAT TANGENTIAL, FACTOR INVOLVES THE USN, DUTCH AND IIN INTEROPERABILITY STUDY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FRIGATES TO BE BUILT IN EUROPE FOR IRAN. IN MID-AUGUST THAT STUDY WILL BE IN MID-STREAM.

5. WE LOOK FORWARD TO VISIT BY ADM FOLEY AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME, AS SOON AS AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE IS KNOWN WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH COMSEVENTHFLT TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE DATES FOR VISIT.
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